Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christans-Ernakulam):* May I suggest that the expert in the Maharaja's College may be asked to work along with the Archaeologist?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There is a resolution coming up about that and we will discuss these things then.

MAYORAL CHAIN & ROBES FOR CHAIRMEN OF MUNICIPALITIES—PROPOSAL BY MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

11. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there was not a proposal made by the Municipal Conference to supply Mayoral chain and robes to Chairmen of the Municipalities of the State;

(*b*) whether the proposal was accepted by the Government;

(*c*) if not, why not; will Government be pleased to print and place on the table of the House copies of the resolution referred to in (*a*) and Government Proceedings D. Dis. 8463/16 dated 28th March 1941?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Government did not think that Chairmen of the Municipalities of the State should wear such chain and robes. Copies of the resolution and the G. P. are placed on the Council Table.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether the proposal was that Government should supply the Mayoral robes?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No, at the cost of the Municipalities.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* What is the objection in allowing them to wear this paraphernalia?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There was no unanimity of opinion among the Municipalities themselves. Moreover, we found that in the District Municipalities in British India this custom did not exist. These were the two main reasons.

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Does the Chairman of the Trivandrum Municipality wear these robes?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We did not enquire about it.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christans-Ernakulam):* Does the Hon'ble Member imply that the Ernakulam Municipality is of the same status as the District Municipality in British India?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There is no such implication. We just ascertained the practice. There is no comparison. I said in the first place there was no unanimity among the Municipalities themselves. Some of them did not want these robes. Secondly, we were supported in this decision by the practice obtaining in British India.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christans-Ernakulam):* Has not the capital city Mayoral dress?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There is a Mayor there.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Then the designation should be changed from Chairman to Mayor.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Was any type of Mayoral dress or chain recommended by the Municipalities?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Was the conference unanimous in their decision?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* In the conference a resolution was passed. Members of all Municipalities were there, but whether all agreed to this resolution or not was not known.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: എല്ലാ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റികളും കോൺഫറൻസ്സിൽ റപ്രസെൻറ ചെയ്യുന്നില്ലെ?

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Which is the Municipality which differed?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Mattancheri.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Then this could be made optional.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It will be creating an invidious distinction.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Is there any objection for a Chairman wearing a chain?

FISHERIES RESEARCH OFFICER—EXTENSION OF TERM, ETC.

12. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) to which date is the term of office of the person who is conducting research in fishery extended;

(*b*) when was he first appointed and on what terms;

(*c*) whether he has submitted any report after the research conducted by him;

(*d*) from which sub-head of the budget grant is his pay being met?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) Till the end of 1116.

(*b*) He was first appointed with effect from 15th April 1940 (3rd Medam 1115). The appointment was not made on special terms but with the object of making a complete survey of the marine resources of the State.

(*c*) The research is almost completed and the final report is expected to be submitted before the close of the official year.

(*d*) "32—Industries and Commerce—Transferred—C. other charges—Special contribution for Industrial grants to Fisheries".

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether Government have received an interim report with regard to the result of the research he is conducting with regard to fisheries?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* Two interim reports have been received.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Who is the officer to examine the report? May I know whether there are any persons who are competent to examine a report on a very technical subject?

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